(b) Total amount sanctioned/released during 1996-97 and 1997-98 is Rs. 16.18 crores and Rs. 12.70 crores respectively.

(c) Maintenance and repair of National Highways works is a continuous process and damages are attended to as per requirement.

Central Road funds to Bihar

1673. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the year-wise details of the funds allocated to Bihar from Central Road Fund during last three years;

(b) what is the amount likely to be allocated for the year 1997-98;

(c) whether any request has been received from the State Government for more allocation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Allocation from Central Road Fund to the State of Bihar during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	166.00
1995-96	25.00
1996-97	10.00

(b) It is too early to indicate the funds likely to be released to the State during 1997-98.

(c) and (d) Allocation of funds from Central Road Fund (CRF) is done on lump sum basis having regard to the accruals on the basis of consumption of petrol in the respective States, schemes sanctioned and the availability of funds. As such allocation in excess of the above norms is not admissible.

Privatisation of Mormugao Port Trust, Goa

1674. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what were terms and conditions for Mormugao Port Trust, Goa to privatise three of its berths and give it for ship-repairing dock to western Gadgid;

(b) whether all terms and conditions are being fulfilled and all dues to the MPT are being paid; and

(c) if not, what are the outstanding dues, and what steps are being taken to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Mormugao Port Trust has entered into agreement with M/s. Western India Shipyard Ltd. (WISL) on 5.4.1993 for leasing of 31.000m2 (approx) land area and 50.000m2 (approx) water area for setting up of floating dry dock and ship repairing facilities at Mormugao Port. The main terms and conditions are given below:—

(i) The licence period is 25 years.

(ii) The annual licence fee of Rs. 96 lakhs shall be paid by WISL by 5th March every year.

(iii) The licence fee will be revised upwards by 20% after every 3 years. Port also has option to revise the base at the time of revision of licence fee.

(iv) Submission of Bank Guarantee of Rs. 288 lakhs equivalent to 3 years lease rentals duly enhanced as per rate applicable. This Bank Guarantee shall be in-force for entire lease period of 25 years.

(v) Submission of Bank Guarantee of Rs. 192 lakhs equivalent to 2 years lease rental towards performance till the completion of the project.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As on date WISL has to pay a total sum of Rs. 147 lakhs comprising of revised annual licence fee, sundry dues and interest on delayed payments. WISL has to extend two Bank Guarantees amounting to Rs. 345 lakhs as security towards lease rentals and Rs. 8 lakhs (performance guarantee for completion of the project) which have already expired. Out of the dues of Rs. 147 lakhs, WISL has paid Rs. 75 lakhs as part payment and have requested extension in time for payment of balance dues and for extension of Bank Guarantees. The Board of Trustees of Mormugao Port in its meeting held on 25.7.1997 had agreed to extend payment and submission of Bank Guarantee upto 30.8.1997.

Construction of Ship Building Yard near Mormugao Port Trust

1675. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of indiscriminate filling of sea in the name of construction of ship building yard within the jurisdiction of Mormugao Port Trust, which caused water rising in the paddy fields on the opposite side of the bank of river Zuari; and

(b) whether these recommendations are authorised by the MPT and clearance of Environment Ministry has been sought under the CRZ rules?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pitiable condition of National Highways in North Eastern Region

1676. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering launching of some proposals/ projects to improve upon the pitiable condition of the National Highways passing through different States of the North Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The improvement of National Highways is a continuous process. 57 numbers of Road & Bridge projects have been proposed in Annual Plan 1997-98 with an estimated provision of Rs. 146.50 crores for the NE Region. Plan Budget allocations have been enhanced by 28.61% from Rs. 76.08 crores in 1996-97 to Rs. 97.85 crores in 1997-98 for NH works in the NE Region including the stretches with Border Roads Organisation for which proposals for development and repair are initiated by Director General (Border Roads). In addition, Rs. 12.44 crores has been allocated for Jogighopa Bridge in Assam as Ministry's share.

(c) Does not arise.

Action Plan for projects under different financing mechanisms

1677. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authroity of India has prepared an action plan to implement a variety of projects under different financing mechanisms during the Ninth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Build Operate Transfer Scheme has drawn a very poor response from prtivate investors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had prepared a Corporate Plan and had identified the list of projects to be taken up during the 9th Plan Period.